

Teen substance abuse event set for Friday at school gym

By Ellen Walsh

We see it in the papers and on the news—police arresting dozens of teens at drinking parties under their parents’ roofs; teens getting into car crashes while driving after drinking; and teens experiencing other alcohol-

related problems such as date rape and other violence. These are the realities of underage drinking, in spite of the fact that consuming alcohol for those under age 21 is illegal. While the rate of alcohol use is going down, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration (SAMHSA) alcohol remains the drug of choice among America’s teenagers and is used by more young people than tobacco or illicit drugs.

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CHAMBER LEADERSHIP - Front row: Aliya Richards,Baylee Estes, Jasmyn Rushing, Brianna Crider, Jalisha Hunter, Courtney Cagle, Brianna Crider. Back row: Delany Boaz, Lauren Jenkins, Jace York, Tyler Larkins, Evan Jackson . Not pictured: Keara Williams and Chris Reed

Chamber Leadership group holds orientation weekend at Columbus

Written by Jace York

Starting off as a new member of the leadership group most of us were excited to be there and interested to learn the new skills that we had all signed up for. When we first arrived we were all thinking that it would just be another boring lecture, but to most of the kids’ surprise, it was full of team work activities and teachers/mentors that taught like we had never seen before which made it fun, and also a little easier to take notes and pay attention. Not one kid that was there this weekend had a bad time; we all had laughs, fun, lots of learning and practicing teamwork, and above all

what we did was we learned how to very carefully take notes, listen, and make sales pitches.

Throughout the weekend we all had a lot of fun, and many ideas about how to help the community as a whole not just one age group over the other but all together and we as a group are going to try our best to think of more ideas and set the current ones in motion so

it can start helping our community as soon as possible. As for the 2014-2015 Chamber of Leadership Group we plan to have a great, fun, and as well a very beneficial year for ourselves and the community we all live in. We also hope we that the community can see and appreciate what we do while giving back to the community.

Dangerous virus now in Kentucky

Respiratory virus that is sweeping Midwest has found its way to Kentucky; frequent handwashing remains best defense

The respiratory virus that has been hospitalizing children in the Midwest has come to Kentucky, reports Chris Kenning of The Courier-Journal: “Kraig Humbaugh, deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Public Health, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently confirmed that five of 10 cases it tested from Kentucky were enterovirus D68.”

Enteroviruses are common and tend to peak at this time of year, and enterovirus D68, a less common strain of this common virus, causes mostly respiratory illness. The CDC says symptoms for enterovirus D68 can range from mild to severe respiratory illness and that mild symptoms look very much like a cold: fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches.

But it is the severe respiratory symptoms that are causing hospitalizations, particularly among children with asthma or underlying medical conditions, Kenning notes.

Locally, Paige Boaz, school nurse at Hickman County Elementary School, says that school staff is doing all that they normally do to prevent the spread of illness in the school.

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Photos by Daniel Richardson

This lovely, and extremely rare, albino hummingbird has been camping outside Eva Blalock’s house on Walker Street in Clinton for the past week.

One in a million Albino hummingbird a rare quest in Clinton

Daniel Richardson

A Hickman County bird lover has been a gracious host to a very special guest since last week. Eva Blalock, who lives on Walker Street in Clinton, discovered on Sunday, Sept. 7, that an extremely rare albino hummingbird was having a snack at one of the six hummingbird feeders outside her house.

The albino bird was originally discovered Sunday morning while Blalock was asleep by her fiancé, Tim Markle.

“I looked outside and thought ‘that sure is a strange looking bird,’” Markle said in a Wednesday afternoon interview. When Blalock awoke, she immediately recognized the bird as an albino mockingbird, solid white with pink eyes and feet.

Albino ruby-throated hummingbirds are extremely rare, with only a few having been reported in among a global population of up to 20 million. Markle said he read an article recently that said one out of every 1.6 million hummingbirds might be an albino. Albino hummingbirds are often confused with the less rare leucistic



The albino, left, takes his turn at the feeder while others cautiously skirt by.

hummingbird. The Leucistic bird has white feathers, but still has pigment in the eyes, bill, and feet. Most white hummingbirds reported worldwide are Leucistic. The website rubythroat.org reports that only a dozen or so albino or leucistic hummingbirds have been banded, and none of them have returned the following year.

According to the website

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SPORTS



**Lady Falcons
beat Fulton City,
Tilghman, and
Union City**

*HCMS Softball
team advances
record to 12-0*

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Phone scam reported by local police

On September 11, 2014, the Clinton Police Department was informed that a suspected phone scam was attempted. A resident in Clinton contacted the police saying that a man called them on their house phone insisting the couple go to the Dollar Store and purchase a PayPal green dot scratch card. The man told the couple to place \$387.15 on the card and then call him back at 1-876-783-7281 or 1-876-783-5120 and they would be entered in the public clearance house for a chance to win \$798,000. The police tried to call these numbers, but had no contact with the man. The man is using the name Peterson and says his office is located in Richmond, Ky. The Richmond Police Dept., when contacted, stated that this is the first hearing of this scam, but several others are circulating around their area.

If contacted by this man or any other possible phone scam, contact the Clinton Police or Hickman County Sheriff’s office to file a report.

We want to hear from you!

If you have a question, comment, or complaint about something you saw in *The Hickman County Gazette*, we’d love to hear from you!

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LOCAL NEWS

Imani Children’s Choir to perform at First Assembly of God Sept. 28

Imani Children’s Choir Objective: Acts as a tool to spread awareness about the orphaned and vulnerable children.

The Imani Milele Children’s Choir will bring you the experience and excitement of the “Pearl of Africa” through our HOPE for Uganda U.S. tour! The Imani Milele Children’s Choir is made up of orphaned and vulnerable children that are beneficiaries of the good work of the Imani Milele Children. As the choir tours they are acting as a tool to spread awareness about the orphaned and vulnerable children in Uganda. Through the Imani Milele Children child-care program, over 3,000 children have been given daily necessities, the opportunity to receive an education, and the love and support they so

deeply need in order to survive and succeed in life.

ABOUT IMANI MILELE CHILDREN

Imani Milele Children was founded by Rev. Ssemanda Moses Mbuga with a desire and purpose to rescue the growing number of orphaned and vulnerable children in the desolate areas of Uganda, raise them in better living conditions while establishing a strong foundation onto which they would build their future, impact them with Christian values hence transforming them into men and women that will positively impact nations holistically.

The program manages a total of 8 schools in which the children attend, and the main headquarters are in a suburb of Kampala Uganda called Lusaka in Makindye division,

where one of the schools is found. Imani Milele Children is focused on providing education to the children all through university and as far as the ability of the child will allow them go.

Imani also heavily encourages sponsors and donors to come and meet the children they sponsor face-to-face in Uganda, get to spend time with them, play with them, or even go shopping with them just like their very own. Visiting a child and witnessing first-hand what goes on ground is by far the biggest story that can ever be told since the interaction at that point is face-to-face.

Imani Milele Children is an all-inclusive child care program that was started with a purpose to liberate and develop orphaned and at-risk children,

impact them with Christian values, hence enabling them transform nations. This process would entail enabling transformational interventions to the families and general communities from which these children come from. The program includes availing day-to-day child care and development, medical support, providing education, guidance and counseling, and spiritual discipleship. Our Vision is to produce highly-regarded, self-sustaining and socially-vibrant citizens, impacted with Christian values, transforming nations.

For more info on the Imani Milele Children & Choir, please visit: www.imanimilele.com

Respiratory virus now in Kentucky From Pg. 1

“Hand washing is stressed at every turn,” Boaz said Monday. “Teachers disinfect desks, chairs, door handles, and light switches every day.”

Boaz said that the school strongly encourages flu vaccinations, and while the school cannot require students to be vaccinated, they offer a free flu vaccine clinic in the fall in conjunction with Dr. Bruce Smith and the health department. Additionally, students that become sick are required to stay home until they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours.

Dr. Smith said Monday that he has not seen any patients with enterovirus D68, but parents of children with asthma should be cautious around children who are coughing and sneezing, as asthma amplifies the symptoms of reparatory illnesses. Dr. Smith said that frequent and proper hand washing is the best defense against the virus.

“In Kentucky, the spike in respiratory illnesses was first

noticed in the central part of the state several weeks ago. But it is now being reported elsewhere, including in Louisville, although D68 has not been confirmed in Louisville,” Kenning reports. No deaths have been reported in Kentucky or in other states, officials told him.

“Hospitals in Colorado, Missouri and potentially eight other states are admitting hundreds of children for treatment of an uncommon but severe respiratory virus,” probably enterovirus D68, The Washington Post reports.

From mid-August to Sept.

12, 97 people in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky and Missouri were confirmed to have respiratory illness caused by enterovirus D68, according to the CDC.

The virus is spread when the infected person coughs, sneezes or touches a contaminated surface. There is no treatment or vaccine for the virus.

The best ways to reduce your risk are: frequent hand washing; keeping unwashed hands off of your eyes, nose and mouth; avoiding contact with people who are sick; and disinfecting communal surfaces frequently.

Humbaugh told Kenning that he is encouraging families who have children with cold-like symptoms that cause difficulty breathing to consult with their doctor. If you’re sick, he said, stay home.

Kentucky Health News is an independent news service of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, based in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications at the University of Kentucky, with support from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.



Mallory Renee Murphy and Jeromy Adam Slayden

Murphy, Slayton to wed Sept. 27

Greg Murphy of Fancy Farm and Terry and Brigitte Choate of Arlington announce the engagement of their daughter Mallory Renee Murphy, to Jeromy Adam Slayden, son of Keith and Tina Slayden and Tommy and Jill Williams of Clinton.

Miss Murphy is the granddaughter of Perry and Sydney Ivey of Cunningham and the late Dottie Ivey, Janice Edwards of Mayfield, Donna Murphy of Benton and the late George Murphy, and Glen and Gloria Choate of Bardwell.

She is a 2010 graduate of Carlisle County High School and a 2014 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor of science in business degree majoring in finance. She is

employed by FNB Bank in Mayfield.

Mr. Slayden is the grandson of Larry & Joan Harper and Peggy Slayden of Clinton, and the late Bobby Slayden.

He is a 2008 graduate of Hickman County High School and a 2012 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor degree in agriculture systems technology.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 5:30 p.m. Saturday September 27th at the home of Perry and Sydney Ivey, grandparents of the bride. 195 county road 1049 Cunningham, KY 42035

All friends and family are invited and a reception will follow. Only out of town invitations are being sent out.

Substance Abuse a problem for teens From Pg. 1

Results from the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, show that approximately 9 million young people have been drinking during the past month and nearly 6 million of them have been binge drinking, meaning that they have at least five drinks at a time. Within the Purchase Region, according to the Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) survey, 22 percent of 12th graders have been binge drinking in the past two weeks!

And unfortunately alcohol is not the only substance young people are confronted with. Although Kentucky dropped from first place to sixth in youth smoking rates according to the Center for Disease Control, their survey shows 17.9 percent of high school students still smoke cigarettes. That doesn’t include the 11 percent of Hickman County 10th and

12th graders using smokeless tobacco. Due to all the talk about medical marijuana and the legalization of recreational use in two states, we are expecting marijuana use rates among youth to rise also.

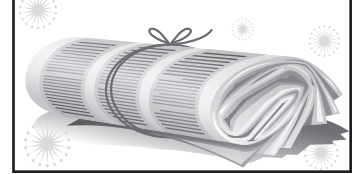
As caregivers of the next generation, our job is to keep our children safe and to create an environment that will help them grow into responsible, healthy adults. We can do this and we can do it now.

Please come join us on Friday, September 19th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hickman County Elementary school gym to discover how you can be part of the solution. A panel made up of law enforcement, a medical professional,

a counselor and a young person will talk about the consequences and effects of substance abuse and why they choose not to use. There will be information for you to take home on how to talk to youth about substance abuse and why that discussion is important. We will have activities for the younger kids and free food until it runs out. We will also have giveaways and you must be present to win.

For more information contact Stan Waldon at fumc.stan@att.net or Vickie Batts at 270-653-2291 or vickie.batts@hickman.kyschools.us. The whole county is talking! Don’t miss it!

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Center Point Business Solutions accepts applications for manufacturing, office clerical, and medical office positions every Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m - 4 p.m.

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The whole county is talking

about underage drinking and substance abuse

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ORDINANCE FOR THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF CLINTON, KY NO. 2014-08-01	
An ordinance of the City of Clinton, Kentucky, establishing the Operating Budget of Income and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 7/1/14 - 6/30/15	
SECTION I - REVENUE	
Wastewater Revenues	\$230,449.69
Balance brought forward Wastewater	\$217,079.26
	\$447,528.95
SECTION II - EXPENSE, PERSONNEL	
Wastewater utilities	\$171,271.62
Department of Revenue Expense	\$3,555.71
Short Lived Assets	\$12,000.00
Depreciation Fund	\$7,320.00
Rural Development Loan Payment	\$39,840.00
Contingency Fund Wastewater	\$213,541.62
	\$447,528.95
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$447,528.95
Be it further ordained by the City of Clinton, Kentucky that an emergency exist and it is therefore ordained the rules be suspended and that the reading of this Ordinance be passed from its 1st reading to its 2nd reading and it shall become law on its final publi- cation as adopted and passed by the Clinton City Council at the regular meeting on the 8 day of September, 2014.	
	<u>Tommy Kimbro</u> Mayor
Attest:	
<u>Donna Bryan, City Clerk</u>	

Community News

Area Obituaries

Carl Drysdale



Carl Drysdale died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2014.

He was born and raised in Hickman County.

Surviving are his wife, Christena Spraggs Drysdale; (They met in high school and were married February 2, 1941.); two sons, Larry Carl (Connie) Drysdale and Jerry Brent (Fay) Drysdale; one granddaughter, Jerilyn Bay (Jerry)Christy; two grandsons, Brent (Christine) Drysdale and Craig (Anita) Drysdale; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua Bay, Danielle Bay-Elledge, Austin Bay, Christopher Drysdale, Anthony Drysdale, Nolan Drysdale and Justin Drysdale; three great-great-grandchildren, Evan, Heidi and Eleanor; four step grandchildren, Sherril Cornel, Deborah Birdsall, Mark and Cindy; one sister, Maxine Eskew of Clinton, Ky.; and two nieces, Mary Ann Elliott and Martha Kay Meshew, both of Clinton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29 at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m.

Alline Grogan

Alline Grogan, 65, of Clinton, Ky. died at 4:02 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 2014 at her home.

Arrangements are incomplete at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton.

United Methodist Church to hold Alzheimer seminar in Paducah

Paducah District of The United Methodist Church Older Adult Ministry and Lourdes HomeCare/Hospice, endorsed by Purchase Area Development District is sponsoring - “THE WIZARD OF ALZ™ a Different Perspective on Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia” (an analogy of “The Wizard of Oz”) - on Tuesday September 23 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Broadway United Methodist Church Ingret Hall located at 701 Broadway, Paducah, KY. Presenter Barbara Helm is Program and Research Study Coordinator for the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Institute for Sustainable Health and Optimal Aging. This seminar is especially for, but not limited to, caregivers of dementia patients, nurses, social workers, clergy, nursing home workers, senior citizen centers employees, PLUS anyone who has an interest and/or concern in dementia and/or aging. Cost of seminar is \$20 and includes continental breakfast, lunch,

Civil War Era ball gown exhibit at Hickman Co. Museum

The Hickman County Museum exhibit of Civil War Era ball gowns will be shown on Wednesdays 1to 4 p.m. beginning September 24 thru October 8.

Mary “Marci” Cannon

Mary Marcelyn “Marci” Cannon, 88, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2014

She was born in Shiloh, Ky. on April 3, 1926, the third daughter of a blacksmith. Her parents sold raffle tickets for handmade quilts to send the oldest to college at Murray State. She graduated and paid for the second sister, who paid for the third sister, Marci.

Marci graduated in Medical technology and worked in this field for 10 years. She decided she wanted to be a physician and went back to UT for required courses. She was accepted to medical school in 1960. She was 1 of 2 women in her class. She completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Roanoke Memorial Hospital followed by a hematology fellowship at University of Virginia. She was in private practice for 10 years before becoming director of the American Red Cross blood program in Roanoke.

Marci was named Roanoke’s “Woman of the Year” in 1978. Surviving are her sister Anna “Bess” Cannon-Hammonck, nephew and niece, Jim (Susan) Hammack and Mary C. (Robert Michaels) Hammock, great nephews and niece Ryan, Tyler, and Molly, and a devoted friend Sara Cole and the entire Hester family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Newt and Mary Ward-Cannon; sister Nell Cannon, and partner of 50 years, Lou Barksdale.

A memorial service is planned for a future date.



and program materials. CEU is available for clergy, nurses, and social workers for an additional \$10.. For additional information contact Cathy Burkhead at 270-898-4250 (cjburkhead@att.net) or Vida McClure at 270-853-1603 (vmcclure1227@att.net According to Richard H. Genzler, Jr., recently retired Director of the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship of the UM Church, “an estimated 5.4 million Americans of all ages have Alzheimer’s disease. This figure includes 5.2 million people age 65 and older and 200,000 individuals under age 65 who have younger-onset. Alzheimer’s disease is not a normal part of aging, {but} the risk of developing the illness rises with advanced age. The direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer’s or other dementias to society in 2012 will total an estimated \$200 billion).

Jackson’s Chapel last ice cream supper of the year



Jackson’s Chapel Church will have their last ice cream supper of the year Friday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m. Hamburgers, corn dogs, cakes, pies and HOME-MADE ice cream. Everyone welcome.

Families on the move is for families of all ages.... sign up today

Families on the Move is a new program offered by the Hickman County Extension Office. Families can be grandparents and grandchildren, sisters and brothers, Mom and/or Dad with Kids, Empty Nesters, Single Person Family...or whatever your family looks like. Families will pre-register, then come by the Extension Office on September 22 from 3:00-5:00 to receive a free pedometer, program packet, food sam-

ples, and incentives. Families who enroll will receive a weekly newsletter and helpful tips. Families will track their daily steps using the pedometers and log their daily activity. On November 1st, participants will turn in their six weeks of activity logs. Those who complete the logs will receive prizes and be registered for larger prizes sponsored by Clinton Bank. For more information call 270-653-2231.

New club at Hickman County extension office

Crochet Club is a new special interest club for anyone interested in learning to crochet, brushing up on needlework skills, or making new friends. They meet

on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 1:00-3:00 at the Hickman County Extension Office. Call 270-653-2231 for more information and supplies needed.

Federal government offers student loan forgiveness programs

The federal government may forgive all or part of your student loans if you meet certain requirements. The forgiveness options for federal student loans, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), include:

- Teacher loan forgiveness. To qualify, you must teach at least five full years in a low-income school in an eligible district. Depending on your field, you may have up to \$17,500 in student loans forgiven.
- Public service loan forgiveness. You must work full time in a public service job and make 120 monthly payments to qualify. You also have to be working in public service when you make the 120 payments and when you apply for loan forgiveness. All of your remaining loan balance may be forgiven.
- Nursing loan forgiveness. You must be at least a registered nurse and agree to work two years in a critical shortage facility at least 32 hours per week. If you fulfill your agreement, 60 percent of your loan balance will be forgiven. An-

other 25 percent will be forgiven if you work a third year. For complete details on these and other programs, visit www.ed.gov.

One thing to remember is that the Internal Revenue Service counts the amount forgiven as income. You should talk with a tax professional to understand the impact that may have on your taxes.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky’s grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). It provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com>. KHEAA also provides free copies of “It’s Money, Baby,” a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Taking ownership of diabetes

Have you recently been told by your doctor that for health reasons you need to reduce, monitor, or control your carbohydrate intake but don’t know how?

Then join us for our class series: Taking Ownership of Your Diabetes. During this series you will be introduced to basic diabetes information, terminology, monitoring tools, nutrition guidelines, and learn how to incorporate the information you have learned into your day to day life. These discussion classes will be held once a month and we will be covering different topics each month on September 26 @ 10:00, October 24 @ 10:00, November 21 @ 10:00, December 19 @ 10:00. Although it is encouraged, participants do not need to attend all classes but we do ask that you register for the classes you will be attending so we can plan for food and handouts. Register by September 19th by calling 270-653-2231.

September 30, 2014

Final date to make changes in your 2015 Wheat Crop Insurance Policy

Roberts Crop Insurance 270-254-0254

Senior Chatter

by Wendy

We had an awesome turnout for our Spaghetti Supper! Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible and the community who came in to support us! We are hoping this Saturday, September 20th, will also be a huge success at our Fall Golf Scramble. Sign up sheets for this event are located inside the Pro Shop at Oakhill. Potato Day will be next Thursday September 25th.

Upcoming speakers: Wed 9-17 at 12pm Bingo, Thur 9-18 at 10am Blood Pressure Clinic, Mon 9-22 at 10:30am Medicare Monday with Kelli Oliver.

Menu as follows:

Wed 9-17, Baked ham, baked beans, coleslaw, pineapple chunks, roll and milk.

Thur 9-18, Roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, corn, strawberry dessert and milk.

Fri 9-19, Roast turkey, green beans with new potatoes, tomatoes, dirt pudding and milk.

Mon 9-22, Hamburger, relish plate, succotash, baked fries, strawberries and milk.

Tue 9-23, Chicken salad on lettuce, tomatoes, oat bran muffin, three bean salad, chocolate pudding and milk.

Hope everyone has a great week and enjoys the beautiful fall-like weather we are having

Fall Revival at Green Valley

Green Valley Baptist Church will have a fall revival September 21 – 24 at 7 p.m. nightly. Rev. Daniel Donaldson of Martin, Tenn. will be evangelist for the week.

Everyone Welcome

Pastor, Eugene McDonald

Assoc. Minister, Rev. Leroy Fitts

The Wilderness Voice

by Pastor Tom Hoskins

GIVING UP. Dear believer in Jesus, do you ever feel like giving up? Does it seem you just can’t hold on any longer? You are so tired in body and soul; maybe sick in body and spirit. Your job is more difficult than ever before or you can’t find a job. Your bills far exceed your income and you wonder if you’ll ever get ahead again. You would like to hide out some place on a placid lake or a deserted island and try to find some peace and rest for you soul. It seems everything is stacked against you. The feeling is not new.

Job lost everything, his oxen, servants, sheep, camels and then the final blow; a storm came and killed his sons and daughters. Then his wife advised Job to “curse God, and die” (Job 2:9). That is, Job

give it up. What is she saying? Just give up, quit believing God, serving God, worshipping God for he doesn’t care about you. What was Job’s response? “Job did not sin with his lips” (v10). “In all this Job sinned not” (1:22). Though he didn’t understand all that was going on he didn’t forsake his faith. He didn’t give up!

Dear child of God, we may not understand all these things that are against us at the present, but we know who is for us. All our troubles are but for a season, all our trials are scheduled to end. “Joy cometh in the morning.” Our night has a dawn. Jesus walks the dark hills with us and one day he’ll pull back the curtain to cause a new day to shine in our hearts.

Don’t give up.

AUTHORS & ARTS/CRAFTS VENDORS NEEDED

The Hickman County Friends of the Arts is in the planning stages for their upcoming Christmas Arts/Crafts/Book Fair set for Saturday, November 22nd, in the gymnasium at the Hickman County Elementary School in Clinton. The Fair draws shoppers from western Kentucky and northwestern Tennessee and is expected to be even bigger and better this year due to an advertising budget that includes a direct mail catalog.

The Fair is currently recruiting new vendors and is limited to craftsmen and artists who hand-make their own

items for sale, vendors who offer food items prepared in their own kitchens and local companies, as well as authors who are selling their own publications. Vendors offering products and food items that are commercially made are not accepted by the Fair. The cost for a booth is \$40 (\$30 to HCAC members).

For more information, artists, craftsmen, and authors should contact Danny Whitlock at 270-653-4379 or whitlockdg@bellsouth.net.

Applications are being mailed in early September. Please respond quickly to reserve your booth space.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After many years of being in business for ourselves as contractors and dealing in bids and estimates, I have never before heard of anything as strange as what Judge Pruitt did in regards to the track at the high school being sealed and striped. At the Fiscal Court meeting Pruitt said that since the County Road Foreman, Shadd Byassee, does this type of work in his personal business, the county was looking at hiring him or someone else. He said he asked Byassee to obtain estimates from other places. I would think that the task of getting other estimates should have been done by someone other than the one who is also in the running for the job. Of course when Byassee reported the estimates, and they were discussed, naturally he would say he could do it cheaper. Why even bother with getting other estimates? I realize this project was below the threshold that would required it be put out for bid, but never in all our years of Contracting experience have we had a customer have us get estimates from others for a job, then allow us to under bid and award us the job. Just doesn't seem right. That's just the least part of what is troubling. The fact the Judge Pruitt and the Fiscal Court even consider hiring a county employee for a county project bothers me. Even though this practice may not be illegal, it is, in my opinion, unethical and a blatant example of favoritism and double dipping.

Rosemary Jones
PO Box 196
Clinton KY 42031

Dear Editor

As a taxpaying citizen, I am appalled at the actions that were taken at last week's Hickman County Fiscal Court meeting. First, the roads that a magistrate, judge-executive, and the judge-executive's family live on suddenly were added to the list of roads to be paved. Secondly, we entrust the county road foreman to solicit bids for a job that he does on the side? Without investigating or even acquiring sealed bids, the court "took his word for it" and agreed to let him do it for \$10,000. Why doesn't the county use the \$10,000 to buy the equipment to do this type of work since it owns several parking lots, basketball courts and parks? I'm not naïve, I just assumed such bid rigging wouldn't be done in open court. I guess the "good old boy" system just keeps on going. Hopefully, our next court won't be that way. I am looking forward to positive change in the future.

Sincerely,
Larry Jennings
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Your Say: How has the NFL handled recent abuse cases?

Daniel Richardson

Americans haven't been able to turn on a TV lately without hearing about the domestic abuse case of NFL running back Ray Rice against his then-fiance inside an elevator at a New Jersey casino. To recap, originally (in February), video was released of Rice pulling his unconscious fiance out of the elevator. Rice was suspended for two games by the NFL.

Months later, a video was released that showed Rice punching his fiance in side the elevator, rendering her unconscious. Rice was suspended indefinitely.

Since the second videos release, many have slammed NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell for not taking action sooner, or trying harder to find the video from inside the elevator. Many are calling for his resignation.

Many have blamed the sport of football for the violent act, saying that the sport breeds violence and causes people to be abusive with their family members.

Now Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson is under fire after turning himself in for disciplining his son in a manner that was excessive, leaving whelps on the child.

Does this have anything to do with football? Or the NFL? Those who side with the NFL on the issue are accused of condoning domestic violence..

We asked through our Facebook page to see how our readers feel about the issues.

Amanda Spraggs commented that she believe all professional sports teams breed an atmosphere of violence. "Steroids, testosterone, excessive money, adrenaline, and the majority whom believe they stay above the law or can

buy their way out of trouble," she said.

Barbara Hopper commented that off-the-field actions should not interfere with their play on the field. "Its a job," she stated. "What you do on your off time is your business even though it may not be to our liking."

Phil Smith sided with Goodell in his handling of the situation, simply saying, "he did right."

The way I see it:

I can understand all of the perspectives mentioned above. To a certain degree, athletes and celebrities should be able to live their private lives without the scrutiny of the public. Rice's issue is largely between him, his wife, and the courts. He obviously can't play football if he is in jail. No one is saying that the way he treated his wife is OK.

The NFL, as an organization, like many organizations, holds its participants to a higher moral standard than some and has a right to suspend Rice for his actions. My dispute comes from the reason why the NFL suspended Rice.

It's very obvious to me that the reason for Rice's suspension is solely the result of the media attention and the public outcry. Before this incident, the NFL never condoned domestic abuse, but did abide by a slightly more lenient policy. Goodell didn't learn anything from the second video that he did not already know. What changed was the public awareness of what happened. If it weren't for the public's awareness of the entire situation, Rice would have been suspended for two games and would be suiting up September 21 against the Browns.

I can appreciate when someone can admit they have been wrong about an issue and change direction. I have a huge

problem, however, with people playing politics and changing their opinions and written policies based on pressure from the media and public opinion.

Is football a violent game? Yes. Should violence off the field ever be tolerated? Absolutely not. Are there hundreds of players currently playing in the NFL and thousands who have played in the past who have never laid a violent hand on another person off the field? Yes.

That being said, I do realize that people in the public eye who are role models and "heroes" to America's youth should be held to a higher standard. In that same vein of thought, men who have spent a lifetime building their bodies to be as powerful as humanly possibly have an even greater responsibility to control their physical actions.

Rice should have been put in jail by the American justice system in February. If our justice system would have done its job properly, there would have been no need for Goodell and the NFL to come under fire and change their policies.

But no one seems to be gunning to fix an obviously broken justice system. People are too busy arguing about how football is such a violent game that encourages its players to take their violence off the field.

Has anyone bothered to look at the percentage of football players who commit acts of violence with that of the rest of society? If so, I haven't heard. And if those stats were to be brought up, I would bet athletes have the same (or lower) percentage of violent offenders as the rest of society. Maybe that's why we haven't seen them.

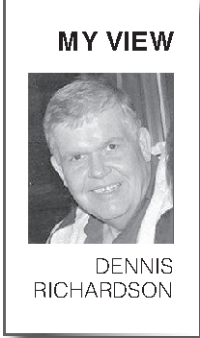
Those are just my opinions. I realize that there are many others.



It depends on the definition of “war”?

Whether or not to send in more troops to hope and quell ISIS is a decision I am glad that I do not have to make.

While it is despicable that terrorists have apparently beheaded three western civilians, what can we do?



If we were not bombing targets in the Middle East, would folks over there still hate us? And if so, then why?

Having never visited that side of the world, and raised as a Christian, that is a question that I will probably never know the answer to.

It would not surprise me if more acts of terror were inflicted on our homeland. Our borders are apparently not secure and even if they were very secure, those folks would eventually get here if they set their minds to it.

More and more terrorists are not 100 percent Middle Eastern as was the case in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Some of their members now carry U.S. passports and look American (and are American).

Terrorism is growing. What can we do?

The U.S. is downsizing its military during a time that we are at war with terrorism and ISIS. Our leaders won't come out and say we are at war. They say something like Secretary of State John Kerry said when asked if we were "at war" with ISIS.

Kerry said, "I think there's a king of tortured debate going on about terminology."

Kerry was in France this morning working to build a coalition of allies to combat ISIS. Other countries have offered to commit "boots on the ground," but our leaders say that is not necessary, despite military leaders who say there is no way to defeat ISIS with mere air strikes.

Sending in more troops at a time when troops were pulled back home from fighting in Iraq could backfire this close to the midterm elections. After all, we must be "politically correct."

No one has produced a crystal ball to tell what the best and most strategic course to take is. It is a hard decision, one that will be criticized and analyzed to no end, what ever it is.

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Two opportunities are coming up for veteran and newcomers alike to give the gift of life. On Monday, September 29, from noon until 6 p.m., the Red Cross team will be at the Young Center, along with our community hospitality volunteers. If you have an appointment, please honor it; if you don't, you may drop in and the charge nurse will work you into the donor schedule.

And on Friday, October 3, just before fall break sees many families traveling, the Red Cross team will return to Clinton, coming to the Hickman County High School gym, 8:30 a.m. through 1:30



p.m. Appointments are being taken for that drive, and you may call Karen Stairs at 270-653-4044 or register online at redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code: HickmanHS, or call 800-RED-CROSS.

Remember to bring your Red Cross card or a photo ID, drink extra fluids the day of your donation, and cut back on drinking iced tea for a week before donation day (tea is an iron-robbert!). Your donation time will be about one hour, including checking your blood pressure, blood hemoglobin level, and temperature, recording your health history, and enjoying refreshing snack time at the canteen tables.

Let's raise the percentage of blood donors in our own community and help encourage a rise in this essential, life-giving group throughout the country.

And feel great about the choice you've made!



ROTARY PROGRAM - Kellie Olliver, Title III/Ship/SCSEP Coordinator for PADD came to Clinton Wednesday to speak with Rotarians about Medicare open enrollment. She is shown with members Mary Jo Duke and Daniel Richardson.

High Attendance Day is Thursday

Karen Kirby, Director of Pupil Personnel for Fleming County Schools, says "For students to learn and achieve at a high level, they have to be in class."

Mike Ford, the current president of the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel, added "That's why we have chosen to designate, September 18, 2014, as 'High Attendance Day' in Kentucky schools."

For those school districts that may be out of session on that day, Wednesday, September 17, 2014, will be designated those districts "High Attendance Day".

On High Attendance Day elementary, middle, or high schools may compete in small school or large school categories. Awards will be determined statewide based on each individual school's performance, regardless of its district's performance. The school in each category with the highest percentage attendance for that day will be awarded \$500.

Regular attendance is essential for success in school. By attending class regularly, a student is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments, and achieve academic performance benchmarks on time. Research reflects that a child's attendance record is one of the strongest single predictors of their academic success.

An example of this is in math, where content knowledge is learned sequentially to gain

mathematical understanding. If absences occur, a student misses some of this knowledge and may have difficulty fully understanding new concepts. Some students may be able to catch up, but others may fall behind because they have missed crucial steps in learning.

Students with irregular attendance may not develop the responsibility, self-discipline & effective work skills that are essential for success in school and life. They tend to fall behind and are continuously struggling to catch up. This diminishes their confidence and attitude toward learning. Students who accumulate unexcused absence events may be petitioned to the court system to address truancy.

School attendance is a both a parent and student responsibility. Parents can help by instilling the habit of attending school every day at an early age and by staying interested in what their child is doing in school from day one all the way through graduation.

Parents should stay involved by monitoring their child's progress and grades, contacting teachers with questions or concerns, and attending school functions and meetings.

For older students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about college and other post-secondary opportunities, and to perform to their highest potential on important exams they need to build a

Offered a timeshare

Dear Dave,
Some friends recently offered me a timeshare. It's an older place on the beach, and they've had it for about 20 years. I'd have to pay a transfer fee of \$100, plus a yearly association fee of \$500. I know you're not a big fan of timeshares, but does this deal sound okay?

Jill

DAVE SAYS



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Jill,

In essence, you're looking at \$500 a week. I know the \$500 is technically an annual association fee, but you're basically paying \$500 for your week at the timeshare. And in the future, say five years from now, the association fee could increase. You might be paying \$1,000 a year at that point — again, for your week.

In actuality, the numbers you're talking about right now aren't completely terrible. Still, it's not a huge blessing. In my mind it's

kind of like, "How would you like a kick in the knee that's not too hard?"

If it were me, I'd much rather spend my \$500 a year on travel and be able to go and stay wherever I wanted. Not only does this free you up it that area, but you'd only spend the money when and if you did it. With a timeshare, you get charged whether you show up or not.

This one's not as bad as if you'd have to pay \$8,000 for the opportunity. But if these were my friends making the offer, I'd have to say no thanks.

—Dave

Using the mortgage to consolidate

Dear Dave,

I'm 38, single and I have three kids. I make \$65,000 a year and have \$34,000 in debt. I'm about to get remarried, and my new husband will make about \$100,000 a year. Should I take the \$34,000 and put it on my mortgage to consolidate it?

Leslie

Dear Leslie,

Please don't consolidate this debt. If you guys are about to get married you need to learn, as a couple, to make debt a thing of the past and live on a written, monthly budget. Think about it. Once you're married, your family will have a great income. You could really push and attack that debt, and have it paid off in no time.

As a new couple, you need to learn to set goals and work on things as a team. Budgeting is a great exercise for any marriage, but it's an especially good thing for newly married couples to learn to do. A budget isn't just controlling your money. It's two people sitting down together and sharing their hopes and dreams for the future. Not just that, it's the process of making an actual, workable, written plan that will help make these dreams become reality.

Don't do a debt consolidation, Leslie. Debt consolidation is nothing more than a "con," because you think you've done something about the debt problem. But the truth is the debt is still there, as are the habits that caused it. All you did was move it around.

You can't borrow your way out of debt, just like you can't get out of a hole by digging out the bottom!

—Dave

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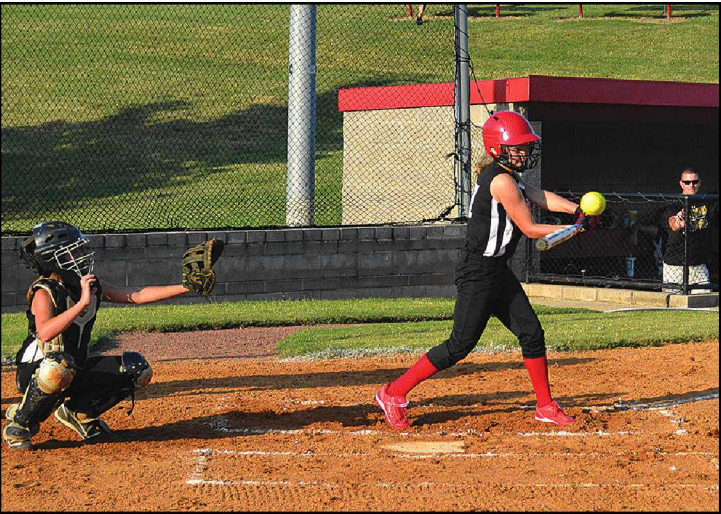


Photo by Daniel Richardson
Lady Falcon Emma Whitlock hits a foul ball against Murray Independent. Whitlock slapped the next pitch to right field for a single.

Lady Falcons beat Union City

Daniel Richardson

The Hickman County Middle School softball squad advanced their record to 12-0 Tuesday night when they beat the Union City Lady Golden Tornadoes twice in a double-header.

Seventh grade hurler Gracie Lusk pitched the first game, with Kourtney Woolard catching. During that game, the Lady Falcons put Union City away with a score of 10-2.

The second game was slightly closer. Woolard pitched with Mallorie Coates catching

in a game that ended with the Lady Falcons on top 6-4.

“We executed very well,” Lady Falcon head coach Jeff Boaz said Monday. “We ran well, bunted well, just played well all around.”

The second outing of the week, scheduled for Thursday against Lake County, Tenn., was rained out and will not be made up.

The Lady Falcons will finish their season Tuesday night, Sept 16, on the road against Hillcrest.



On Saturday, September 13, Garrett Ward, son of Brent and Kara Ward of the Fulgham community, won first place in the United Way of Obion County Tennis Invitational in Union City, Tennessee in the kids 10 and under division. Ward, 10, is a fifth grade student at Hickman County Elementary School. Winning second place was Austin Caldwell, 10, of Union City.



Photos by David Whitesell
Kaylee Webb (#25) blocks a potential kill from the Lady Bulldogs during Monday night's home district win.

Lady Falcons post flawless week

David Whitesell

The Lady Falcons continued their 2014 regular season this past week with matches against Fulton City, Paducah Tilghman, and Union City, all of which ended in 3 – 0 victories for Hickman County, thus improving the team's record to 7 – 3 overall, and 2 – 0 in the district.

This week's action began with a match against the Lady Bulldogs of Fulton City, the team aside from the Lady Comets that had the potential to thwart the Lady Falcons' chances of a district title this season; however, as the match progressed, it became clear to Hickman County fans that their squad is the unmistakable team to beat this season.

In the opening set, the Lady Falcons took a quick 6 – 1 lead only for Fulton to lower that lead to a single point. With Hickman ahead 6 – 5, Kaylee Webb (#25) went back to serve to increase the lead to 10 – 5, and from that point on it was smooth sailing for the Lady Falcons in the first set.

The second set went back and forth until the Lady Bulldogs took a slight lead, but that soon changed when Courtney Collier (#17) served up an 11-point spree, due to large contributions at the net from Webb and Kinsey Lock (#13). The second set ended with Hickman County ahead 25 – 14.

The third set played out similarly to the first, with Collier and Lock padding their serving statistics against a Lady Bulldog team that seemed incapable of communicating and moving as a team.

Following the Fulton City match, the Lady Falcons traveled to Paducah Tilghman to compete in a match that was destined to be an easy win for Hickman County, but in which the Lady Falcons encountered some trouble, if only in the opening set.

The first set against Tilghman was filled with costly errors on both sides of the net, keeping the score close until the very end, at which point the Lady Falcons managed to barely pull ahead to secure a 27 – 25 set win.

If the first set was close, the second and third sets were anything but. The Paducah school never surpassed the 15-point mark in either of those two sets as the Lady Falcons recovered from the abundant first-set errors and began competing as well as they have throughout the season.

With two wins already on the record for the week, Hickman County had but one more match scheduled and it was anything but a competition for this powerhouse team.

Though the Lady Tornadoes



Courtney Collier (#17) served up 19 points during the team's sweep of Fulton City Sep. 8.

competed better than they did the first time these two teams met, the effort was not enough to put a single drop of sweat on a Lady Falcon player.

All three sets ended in Hickman's favor, with Union City scoring 11, 12, and 16 points in the sets respectively, with the 16-point set coming after Head Coach Keith Laceywell sent some of his junior varsity players on to the court.

In the coming week, the Lady Falcons are scheduled to play in a series of district matches, facing off against each district opponent. Hickman will travel to Carlisle County Sep. 16, host Fulton County Sep. 18, and travel to Fulton City Sep. 22.

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